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IRIS Interagency reviewers,

We have recently become aware that a former IRIS interagency reviewer for SBA (Kevin Bromberg) is now actively advocating on behalf of the Arsenic Science Task Force (ASTF), offering a webinar to organize outreach to interested federal agencies to hear ASTF perspectives on the draft IRIS assessment. ASTF is an organization of companies and trade organizations with an interest in government assessments of arsenic.

EPA is planning to distribute this assessment for interagency review this calendar year.

The IRIS Program considers this highly inappropriate and asks you to decline the webinar request. The timing of the webinar seems structured to influence the disposition of interagency review comments. Optically, this would appear to undermine the integrity, independence, and impartiality of the IRIS review process prior to the release of the draft assessment. Interagency review is internally deliberative intended to solicit scientific feedback from EPA's Federal partners. The ASTF will have ample opportunity to provide comments when the draft assessment is released to the public.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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